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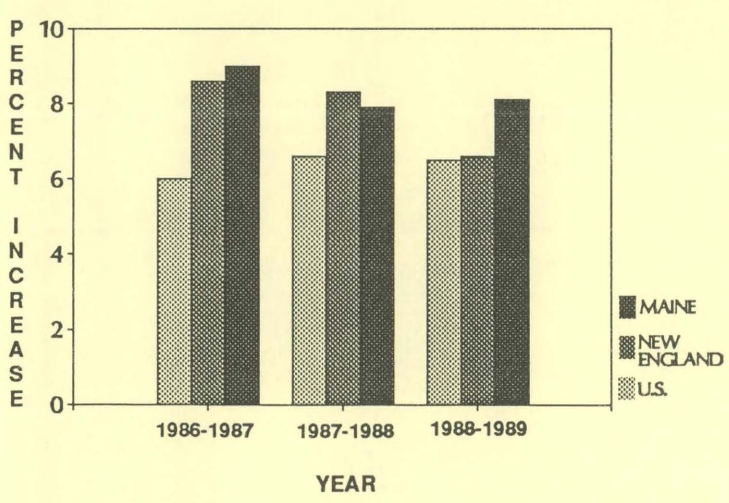
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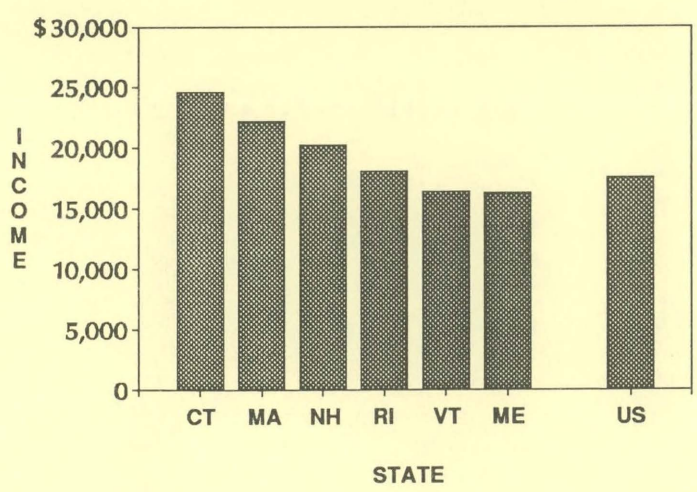
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# **Maine Leads New England in Per Capita Income Growth**

**Growth Rate**



**1989 Income**



As a result of the economic slowdown in New England, 1989 was the second consecutive year of decelerating per capita income growth. However, the rate of growth picked up slightly in Maine during 1989, going from 7.9 percent in 1987-1988 to 8.1 percent in 1988-1989. The rate of 8.1 percent registered by Maine was the highest growth rate of the New England states.

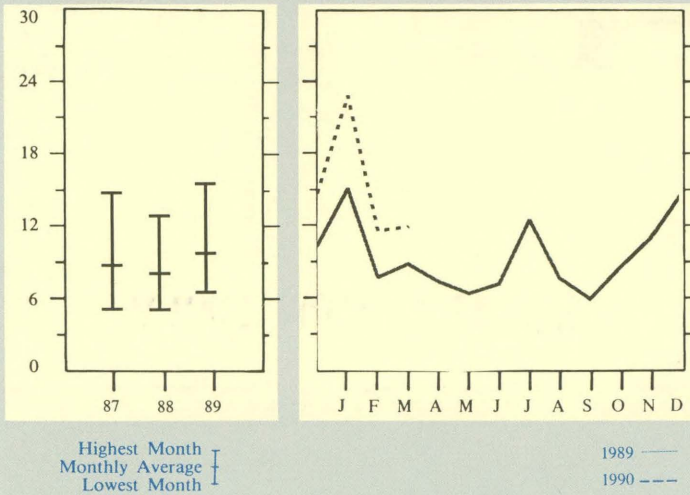
Although Maine recorded the lowest per capita income in New England during 1989 at \$16,310, Maine income rose from 81 percent of the national average in 1979 to 93 percent in 1989. Maine's ranking in per capita income among the 50 states rose from 44th in 1979 to 25th in 1989.



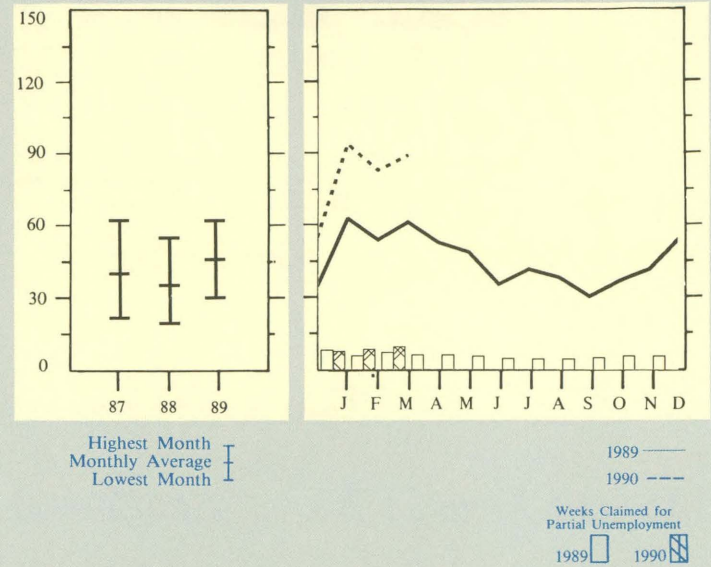
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## UI Initial Claims in Thousands



## UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed in Thousands



## DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL FUNDS BY NEW ENGLAND STATE FISCAL YEAR 1989\*

State	National Ranking (per capita)	Per Capita (dollars)	Expenditure Category (millions of dollars)					
			Total	Grants to State and Local Governments	Salaries and Wages	Direct Payments for Individuals	Procurement	Other Programs
Connecticut	5	4,875.01	15,790	1,771	1,205	5,792	6,443	579
Maine	14	3,895.53	4,760	688	537	2,324	1,150	62
Massachusetts	7	4,829.66	28,558	3,688	2,547	11,797	9,436	1,089
New Hampshire	43	3,083.72	3,414	411	668	1,745	517	73
Rhode Island	15	3,818.16	3,811	684	529	2,073	441	84
Vermont	44	3,047.71	1,728	356	195	937	189	50

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.  
\* Year ending September 30, 1989.



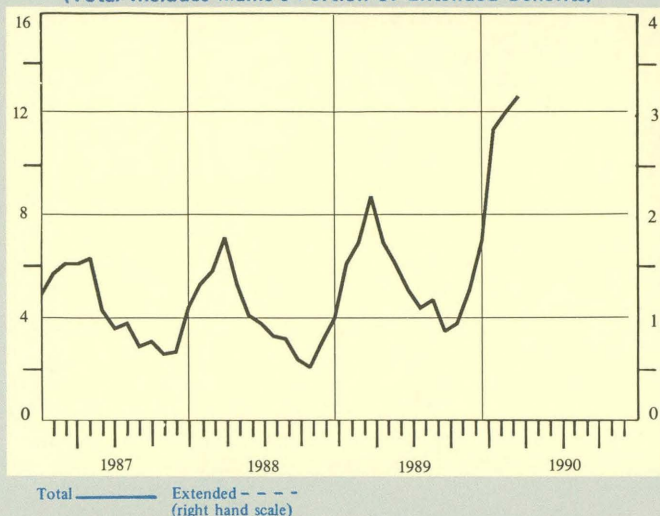


# Selected Employment Security Activities



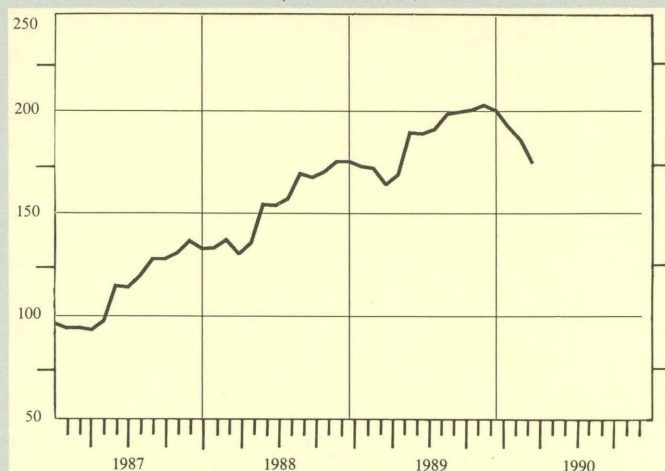
## UI Benefit Payments in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



## Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



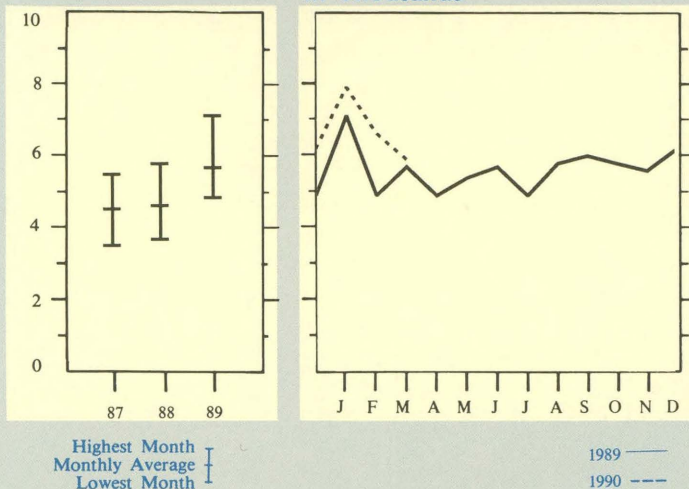
## Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/.....	529.5	529.1	526.0	131.2	131.5	127.9	41.1	41.1	40.6
Goods Producing .....	132.4	132.6	134.7	24.2	24.8	24.4	11.6	11.4	11.6
Construction and Mining .....	28.2	28.0	29.2	7.5	7.7	7.8	1.9	1.9	2.0
Building Construction .....	10.1	10.3	10.4	1.8	1.9	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trades Contractors .....	13.8	13.7	14.6	5.0	5.0	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing .....	104.2	104.6	105.5	16.7	17.1	16.6	9.7	9.5	9.6
Durable Goods .....	48.6	48.9	49.5	8.1	8.6	8.4	2.4	2.3	2.6
Lumber and Wood Products .....	11.6	11.9	12.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals .....	3.5	3.6	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment .....	4.9	4.9	5.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment .....	8.6	8.5	9.1	2.8	2.8	3.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment .....	15.4	15.4	14.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/ .....	4.6	4.6	4.7	3.1	3.6	3.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods .....	55.6	55.7	56.0	8.6	8.5	8.2	7.3	7.2	7.0
Food and Kindred Products .....	7.3	7.2	6.9	2.1	2.0	1.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products .....	5.7	5.7	6.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products .....	2.8	2.8	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products .....	17.7	17.6	17.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing .....	5.8	5.8	5.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products .....	3.8	3.9	3.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	2.0	1.7
Leather and Leather Products .....	11.5	11.7	11.6	1.4	1.4	1.4	2.0	1.8	2.0
Footwear (except Rubber) .....	9.7	9.9	9.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/ .....	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.3
Service Producing .....	397.1	396.5	391.3	107.0	106.7	103.5	29.5	29.7	29.0
Transportation and Public Utilities .....	22.0	22.0	21.8	5.1	5.3	5.0	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade .....	25.3	25.3	25.9	10.1	10.1	10.2	2.2	2.2	2.3
Retail Trade .....	106.0	105.5	103.8	29.1	29.3	28.5	8.4	8.6	8.2
Food Stores .....	20.5	20.1	18.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places .....	30.3	29.4	31.0	8.3	8.3	8.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate .....	25.0	24.9	25.1	11.3	11.3	11.8	2.3	2.3	2.3
Banking .....	10.2	10.2	10.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents .....	10.2	10.2	10.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services .....	120.7	120.7	117.8	34.8	34.6	31.6	10.9	10.9	10.7
Hotels and Other Lodging Places .....	6.8	6.7	6.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services .....	12.6	12.7	12.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services .....	44.0	43.9	43.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government .....	19.3	19.4	18.9	2.3	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 4/ .....	78.8	78.7	78.0	14.3	14.1	14.4	4.0	4.0	3.8
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes .....	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25,32,38,39; Portland - 24,25,32,33,34,37,38,39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28,29; Portland - 20,22,23,26,30; Lewiston - 20,22,23,26,27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. \*Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

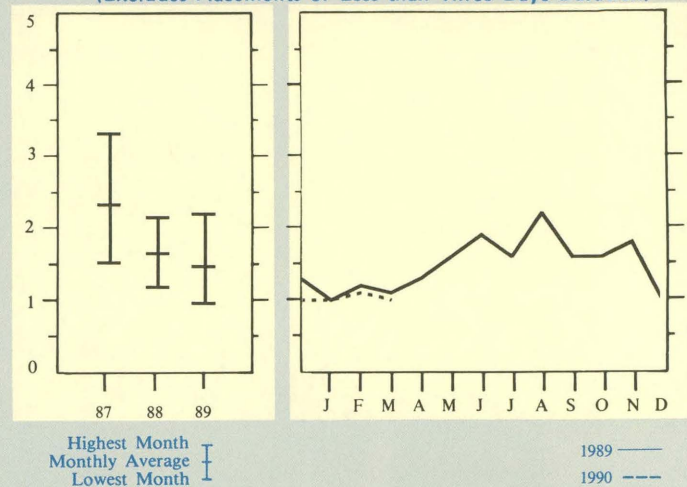


## New Applications For Work in Thousands



## Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands  
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



## Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1987	1988	1989
<b>STATEWIDE</b>												
Manufacturing .....	\$427.00	\$418.31	\$385.76	40.9	40.3	40.1	\$10.44	\$10.38	\$9.62	\$8.77	\$9.31	\$9.89
Durable Goods .....	432.22	414.12	378.80	41.6	40.6	40.6	10.39	10.20	9.33	8.32	9.00	9.59
Lumber and Wood Products .....	396.26	377.98	354.97	42.2	41.4	40.2	9.39	9.13	8.83	7.82	8.60	8.85
Primary and Fabricated Metals .....	427.15	410.55	402.12	43.9	42.9	43.9	9.73	9.57	9.16	8.94	8.79	9.31
Industrial Machinery and Equipment .....	508.20	499.39	485.43	44.0	43.2	46.1	11.55	11.56	10.53	9.20	9.49	11.03
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment .....	369.22	353.28	325.08	38.5	36.8	38.2	9.59	9.60	8.51	8.03	8.51	9.02
Transportation Equipment .....	512.82	486.71	426.77	42.0	40.9	40.8	12.21	11.90	10.46	9.40	9.82	10.80
Other Durable Goods .....	324.72	318.68	303.02	41.0	40.7	39.2	7.92	7.83	7.72	7.01	7.43	7.80
Nondurable Goods .....	421.30	420.55	393.03	40.2	39.9	39.7	10.48	10.54	9.90	9.18	9.60	10.16
Food and Kindred Products .....	297.36	294.88	291.98	35.4	35.4	37.1	8.40	8.33	7.87	7.16	7.30	8.01
Textile Mill Products .....	334.31	334.96	327.89	39.1	39.5	41.4	8.55	8.48	7.92	7.35	7.66	8.22
Apparel and Other Textile Products .....	273.43	261.73	242.48	37.0	36.1	36.3	7.39	7.25	6.68	5.92	6.43	7.04
Paper and Allied Products .....	652.40	664.89	617.48	45.4	45.2	43.7	14.37	14.71	14.13	13.43	13.93	14.51
Leather and Leather Products .....	272.29	265.68	258.17	37.3	36.9	37.8	7.30	7.20	6.83	6.34	6.59	6.92
Other Nondurable Goods .....	373.43	365.27	326.14	39.6	38.9	36.4	9.43	9.39	8.96	8.28	8.62	9.10
<b>PORTLAND MSA</b>												
Manufacturing .....	408.95	399.85	413.83	38.8	38.3	40.1	10.54	10.44	10.32	9.13	9.58	10.53
<b>LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA</b>												
Manufacturing .....	359.72	356.07	318.80	39.4	39.0	39.8	9.13	9.13	8.01	7.40	8.08	8.50

## Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

ITEM 1/	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force .....	287.3	277.6	279.3
Unemployment .....	18.3	9.4	12.6
(Percent) .....	6.4%	3.4%	4.5%
Resident Employed .....	269.0	268.2	266.7

## U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	128.7	128.0	122.3	126.1
Percent Change for Past Month .....	+0.5%			
Percent Change from Last December .....	+2.1%			
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago .....	+5.2%			

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.



# Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment in Thousands

AREA <u>1/</u>	LABOR FORCE <u>2/</u>			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
<b>MAINE</b> -Statewide .....	620.9	615.6	594.5	584.7	582.8	568.7	36.2	32.8	25.8	5.8	5.3	4.3
<b>MAJOR LABOR MARKETS</b>												
Bangor MSA .....	46,200	46,200	44,100	44,100	44,400	42,700	2,100	1,900	1,400	4.4	4.0	3.2
Lewiston-Auburn MSA .....	43,300	43,400	41,700	40,100	40,400	39,400	3,300	3,000	2,300	7.5	7.0	5.5
Portland MSA .....	131,400	131,400	125,800	126,200	127,000	122,700	5,200	4,300	3,100	3.9	3.3	2.5
Portsmouth-Dover- Rochester MSA <u>3/</u> .....	n/a	130,200	129,610	n/a	125,200	126,530	n/a	5,000	3,080	n/a	3.8	2.4
<b>OTHER LABOR MARKETS</b>												
Augusta .....	36,980	37,020	35,300	35,290	35,370	34,080	1,690	1,650	1,220	4.6	4.4	3.5
Bath-Brunswick .....	31,670	31,010	29,390	30,480	29,910	28,500	1,190	1,110	890	3.8	3.6	3.0
Belfast .....	12,360	12,220	11,290	11,070	10,850	10,270	1,300	1,380	1,020	10.5	11.3	9.0
Biddeford .....	28,510	27,530	27,000	26,600	25,890	26,060	1,910	1,640	940	6.7	5.9	3.5
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset .....	14,980	14,490	13,370	14,330	13,850	12,700	650	650	670	4.4	4.5	5.0
Calais-Eastport .....	14,870	14,900	14,560	13,450	13,500	13,160	1,420	1,400	1,400	9.5	9.4	9.6
Caribou-Presque Isle .....	20,190	20,270	19,850	18,650	18,850	18,600	1,540	1,430	1,250	7.6	7.0	6.3
Central Penobscot .....	3,290	3,480	3,000	3,090	3,240	2,840	200	250	160	6.1	7.0	5.3
Dover-Foxcroft .....	7,130	7,110	6,940	6,650	6,680	6,580	480	430	360	6.7	6.0	5.2
Ellsworth .....	24,310	23,740	22,050	22,490	22,040	20,800	1,820	1,700	1,250	7.5	7.2	5.7
Farmington .....	13,760	13,630	13,650	12,980	12,980	13,030	780	660	620	5.7	4.8	4.5
Fort Kent-Allagash .....	5,300	5,560	5,090	4,860	5,170	4,760	440	390	330	8.4	7.0	6.5
Greenville .....	1,310	1,410	1,300	1,200	1,310	1,220	110	100	80	8.5	7.1	6.2
Houlton .....	6,490	6,430	6,120	6,150	6,110	5,830	340	330	290	5.2	5.1	4.7
Kittery-York <u>3/</u> .....	27,340	27,510	28,580	26,450	26,650	28,050	890	860	530	3.3	3.1	1.9
Lincoln-Howland .....	5,420	5,430	5,360	4,980	5,000	5,020	440	430	340	8.0	7.9	6.3
Livermore Falls .....	4,720	4,780	4,530	4,390	4,400	4,270	330	380	260	7.0	8.0	5.7
Madawaska-Van Buren .....	3,760	3,740	3,810	3,390	3,400	3,550	370	340	260	9.9	9.0	6.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket .....	4,240	4,200	4,120	3,930	3,920	3,910	310	280	210	7.2	6.6	5.1
Norway-Paris .....	12,010	11,900	11,840	10,960	11,020	11,150	1,050	880	690	8.7	7.4	5.8
Patten-Island Falls .....	2,500	2,470	2,500	2,260	2,280	2,240	240	190	260	9.6	7.7	10.4
Rockland .....	18,650	18,430	18,310	17,110	17,300	17,360	1,540	1,130	950	8.2	6.1	5.2
Rumford .....	9,240	9,070	8,850	8,570	8,490	8,230	670	580	620	7.2	6.4	7.0
Sanford .....	16,540	16,570	15,720	15,350	15,370	14,890	1,190	1,200	830	7.2	7.2	5.3
Sebang Lakes Region .....	14,590	12,440	12,850	13,710	11,750	12,310	880	690	540	6.0	5.5	4.2
Skowhegan .....	22,750	22,380	21,910	20,990	20,850	20,470	1,760	1,530	1,440	7.7	6.8	6.6
Southwest Penobscot .....	11,360	11,130	10,790	10,400	10,240	10,100	970	890	690	8.5	8.0	6.4
Waterville .....	25,750	25,760	24,860	24,530	24,630	23,900	1,210	1,130	960	4.7	4.4	3.9
<b>OTHER</b>												
<b>NEW ENGLAND STATES</b>												
Connecticut .....	n/a	1,748.6	1,758.5	n/a	1,656.1	1,701.6	n/a	92.5	56.9	n/a	5.3	3.2
Massachusetts .....	3,166.0	3,174.0	3,174.0	2,978.0	2,991.0	3,046.9	188.0	183.0	127.2	5.9	5.8	4.0
New Hampshire .....	n/a	616.2	595.3	n/a	585.9	578.3	n/a	30.3	17.0	n/a	4.9	2.9
Rhode Island .....	523.3	522.1	518.7	480.6	484.2	497.8	42.8	37.9	21.0	8.2	7.3	4.0
Vermont .....	311.4	310.4	306.0	295.9	296.8	294.7	15.5	13.7	11.3	5.0	4.4	3.7
<b>NEW ENGLAND STATES</b> ...	n/a	6,986.9	6,947.0	n/a	6,596.8	6,688.0	n/a	390.2	259.2	n/a	5.6	3.7
<b>UNITED STATES</b> .....	123,789	123,442	122,223	117,093	116,308	115,844	6,697	7,134	6,378	5.4	5.8	5.2

## Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants* .....	18,783	18,835	12,413	2,652	2,407	1,348	1,776	1,801	1,116

\* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.



# Maine Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (In Thousands)

ITEM	Quarter	Previous Quarter	Year Ago	Net Change to Current Quarter From	
				Previous Quarter	Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/.....	530.8	553.3	524.9	-22.5	+5.9
Goods Producing .....	133.0	140.5	136.0	-7.5	-3.0
Construction and Mining .....	28.3	33.5	29.8	-5.2	-1.5
Building Construction .....	10.3	11.1	10.9	-0.8	-0.6
Special Trades Contractors .....	13.9	17.2	14.7	-3.3	-0.8
Manufacturing.....	104.7	107.0	106.2	-2.3	-1.5
Durable Goods .....	49.0	50.3	50.2	-1.3	-1.2
Lumber and Wood Products.....	11.9	12.3	12.8	-0.4	-0.9
Primary and Fabricated Metals .....	3.6	3.6	3.7	0.0	-0.1
Industrial Machinery and Equipment.....	4.9	5.2	5.2	-0.3	-0.3
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment.....	8.6	8.6	9.3	0.0	-0.7
Transportation Equipment .....	15.4	15.5	14.5	-0.1	+0.9
Other Durable Goods 2/ .....	4.6	5.1	4.7	-0.5	-0.1
Nondurable Goods .....	55.7	56.7	56.0	-1.0	-0.3
Food and Kindred Products .....	7.2	7.1	7.0	+0.1	+0.2
Textile Mill Products .....	5.6	5.9	6.1	-0.3	-0.5
Apparel and Other Textile Products .....	2.8	2.9	3.1	-0.1	-0.3
Paper and Allied Products .....	17.7	17.7	17.7	0.0	0.0
Printing and Publishing .....	5.8	5.9	5.8	-0.1	0.0
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products .....	3.9	4.2	3.8	-0.3	+0.1
Leather and Leather Products .....	11.7	11.7	11.5	0.0	+0.2
Footwear (except Rubber) .....	9.8	10.0	9.7	-0.2	+0.1
Other Nondurable Goods 3/ .....	1.0	1.3	1.0	-0.3	0.0
Service Producing .....	397.8	412.8	388.9	-15.0	+8.9
Transportation and Public Utilities .....	22.0	21.7	21.7	+0.3	+0.3
Wholesale Trade .....	25.4	25.8	25.8	-0.4	-0.4
Retail Trade .....	107.0	116.5	104.2	-9.5	+2.8
Food Stores .....	20.4	20.6	18.5	-0.2	+1.9
Eating and Drinking Places .....	30.0	34.5	30.7	-4.5	-0.7
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate.....	25.0	25.3	25.2	-0.3	-0.2
Banking .....	10.2	10.3	10.4	-0.1	-0.2
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents.....	10.2	10.2	10.1	0.0	+0.1
Services.....	120.6	123.8	117.0	-3.2	+3.6
Hotels and Other Lodging Places .....	6.7	9.1	6.6	-2.4	+0.1
Business Services.....	12.7	13.1	12.1	-0.4	+0.6
Health Services .....	44.0	43.7	43.1	+0.3	+0.9
Federal Government .....	19.4	19.6	18.8	-0.2	+0.6
State and Local Government 4/.....	78.4	80.1	76.2	-1.7	+2.2
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes .....	0.0	1.1	0.0	-1.1	0.0

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